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City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

July 2018

Dear Friends:

On May 4, 2017, the good citizens of Tucson approved Proposition 101, a temporary half cent sales tax, for five years, which the proceeds would go to police and fire equipment and buildings, as well as for further road work and repair.

Tucson voters gave their approval to Proposition 101 because of the road work done for the past five years from the Proposition 409 bond measure. The language was specific for the purchase of police and fire equipment and for the repair and construction of police and fire facilities and the money can't move because of the Citizen Oversight Committee which was part of this proposal.

These two measures have helped the Mayor and Council, as well as City government cover these core services they are tasked with under the City Charter: police, fire and streets.

The other core service under the Charter is parks, known today as Parks and Recreation. The Mayor and Council has had a series of discussions about the City's Parks and Recreation Department parks and facilities, and how to make improvements to them.

City Manager Michael Ortega, working with his staff, put together a proposal on potential funding for the City's Parks and Recreation parks and facilities.

The Manager's proposal would not raise the property taxes of the good citizens of Tucson, but would keep them at the level currently. The City is retiring old Bond debt early, and will create a potential capacity of \$225 million, for which the Manager proposes using this for park improvements.

The Manager's proposal would have a citizen's oversight committee, whose functions would be similar to the Proposition 101 Public Safety Oversight Committee: ensuring any monies are spent on the projects listed with the park's ballot measure.



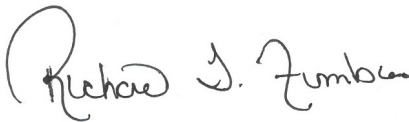
My office and I, met with the City Manager and his staff, the new Park's Director, Brent Dennis and his staff, and made sure that all Ward 5 Parks and Recreation facilities, as well as parks in Ward 5 were included in the bond project list.

At the Tuesday, July 10 Mayor and Council meeting , they voted to place a Parks bond measure on the November general election ballot. This proposal will be known as Proposition 407. The Mayor and Council will finalize the ballot language at the Wednesday, August 8, Mayor and Council meeting.

In the August edition of the newsletter, we will print the list of Ward 5 projects that will be a part of Proposition 407.

Proposition 407 will be part of the ballot, which will have many measures for consideration. A public forum on Proposition 407 will take place in the fall before the November 6 general election. Further details will be in the Ward 5 Newsletter.

Thank you.



Richard G. Fimbres
Ward 5 Councilmember

El Rio Health Center Update

Construction for El Rio Health's Cherrybell Health Center is on track with a completion date of late 2018. The health center will be providing patient care Monday thru Friday from 7 am – 8 pm and Saturday 8 am – 4 pm. The following services will be offered for patients: Primary Care for children and adults, Lab, Radiology (including mammography, ultrasound and X-ray), Pharmacy, Dental, Physical Therapy, and Health & Wellness Classes.



In addition, El Rio Health is relocating their SIA (Special Immunology Associates) Campus, Broadway HealthCare for the Homeless, Specialty Behavioral Health operations, as well as their residency program to the new Cherrybell Health Center.

Once open and fully operational, the Cherrybell Health Center will employ around 120. Watch this space for fall job fair opportunities as they look to hire additional employees for the new Cherrybell Health Center.

Ward 5 Road Work

With Proposition 101 now in effect, the road work and repair continues. Proposition 101 mandates that 60% of those funds would go to repair major arterials and 40% to neighborhood streets.

The Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee has given approval for an equitable funding plan and that the roads will be repaired based upon a worst first in each respective Ward.

For Ward 5 roads to be repaired, your voices need to be heard. Send your comments to cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov, Subject Line: 2012 BOC and put in your suggestions for road work. My office has given suggestions as well and has met with transportation officials, but the more voices that speak out, the more roads will get repaired.



Jesse Lugo, my appointee to the Bond Oversight Committee is willing to speak to neighborhood associations and groups about Proposition 101. Please contact the Ward 5 Council Office (520) 791-4231 and we will get you in touch with Jesse. Also, he has created a form to report potholes and other road hazards, which is part of this newsletter.

School Starting Soon

Another school year will be starting soon in Tucson. The school zone 15 miles per hour signs are out in the morning and afternoon, with crossing guards helping students cross our streets to get to our schools.

The University of Arizona and Pima College will soon start their fall semesters and college students will be moving into the dorms and houses in our neighborhoods.

My office has gathered information, to inform everyone who may not know about: Some of the rules about parking; dates of times for trash pick up; dates for upcoming Brush and Bulky pickup; noise levels and what to do about loud parties.

Parking is a permitted use on any portion of a property provided the vehicles do not block City right-of-way (sidewalks, alleys). Also, when you park your car, please don't block access to your neighbor's mail box. If you are intending to have an event, be courteous and let your neighbors know about the event and when parking will be available on the street. Please ensure all vehicles have current registration and are operable.

About your trash: To reduce flies and odor, please bag and securely tie all your trash and do not over fill containers. Never place hot ash or coals, or other burning materials in containers.

Yard waste may be disposed of, as long as it fits within the container with the lid closed. Don't leave your containers out past your pick up date. Please return it to the space you have it in your yard. For any damaged trash containers, contact Environmental Services at 791-3171.

To find out your trash pick up date, either call Environmental Services at 791-3171 or go online to maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/. Please have your trash and recycle containers out to the street and on those days, please try not to block mail boxes and drive ways.

Environmental Services offers Brush and Bulky twice a year. Environmental Services will pick up 10 cubic yards of materials with the following guidelines: They will take brush, cacti (must be contained), lumber up to five feet, scrap metal, piping up to five feet, appliances, refrigerator and freezers with doors removed, automobile tires (limit five), and home furnishings.

Environmental Services will not collect: Dirt, stone, concrete, gravel, glass, household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, oil, pesticides and liquids).

To find out your Brush and Bulky pick up date, either call Environmental Services at 791-3171 or go online to [/maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/](https://maps2.tucsonaz.gov/zoomtucson/).

With the start of the school year come loud parties. Although I understand student excitement about the school year, there are codes that are in place and must be followed.

A loud party or unruly gathering can result in a red tag, which has several consequences. If red tagged, a visible "red tag" will be placed in street view, notifying the neighborhood of the issuance. The red tag comes with a fine and if a college student is involved, a report to the Dean of Students. The "red tag" states that if another unruly gathering occurs within 180 days that fines will be given in amounts of \$500-\$1500.

As a part of our Police Chief's community policing approach more officers have been put into patrol functions. This means more visible TPD presence. TPD is also partnering with UAPD so that responses to loud parties are consistent between both departments.

The collaboration will mean greater information sharing and consistency in handling these types of calls. It is important to call in loud parties, don't assume others are doing so. If it isn't reported we can't adequately address the situation.

The following numbers are meant to be tools for our University neighbors if there should be an issue with loud parties: TPD Red Tag: 520-837-7318, UAPD Non-Emergency: 520-621-8273, UA Neighborhood Hotline: 520-282-3649, UA Dean of Students: 520-621-7057, Pima College Police – West Campus: 520-206-6643, Pima College Police - Downtown Campus: 520-206-7087, Pima College Police - East Campus: 520-206-7652, Pima College Police - Desert Vista Campus: 520-206-5052, Pima College Police - Northwest Campus: 520-206-2286.

Back-To-School Immunization Clinics Special Hours

Pima County Health Department immunization clinics are holding modified hours at their three locations to accommodate the busy back-to-school season.

The modified hours will run until Monday, Aug. 24. Each clinic will operate on a walk-in basis, with limited services between noon and 1 p.m. All other services available at the clinics will continue with their normal schedules. To view the complete schedule of back-to-school immunization hours at all the Health Department clinics, please follow the link <http://bit.ly/2JSb3WS>.



MEC moves to Santa Rosa Recreation Center

(Mykhailo Polyakov wrote the following article for the Ward 5 Newsletter. He worked as an intern in the Ward 5 Council Office and is a MEC Commissioner and YAC/TTC member).

In June, the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) moved from their old 930 E. Broadway Blvd. location to the Santa Rosa Recreation Center at 1080 S. 10th Avenue in Ward 5.

The reason for this change is threefold – firstly, the old location was inadequate to accommodate the growing organization; secondly, the Santa Rosa Recreation Center is frequented by many children in the community and proximity of the MEC to these young, impressionable people will help foster a college-going culture among the youth; and lastly, the new location is surrounded by local educational institutions such as the Santa Rosa Library and the Drachman Montessori K-8 Magnet School, which is a far more appropriate environment for the MEC than a repurposed car dealership off of Broadway.



The Metropolitan Education Commission was established in 1990 by the Tucson Mayor and Council as well as the Pima County Board of Supervisors in order to: (1) advocate for sound educational policy that coincides with the interests of our city's students, (2) communicate ideas and innovative practices to local educational institutions, (3) collaborate with agencies that support education in order to enhance the educational welfare of our citizens.

The MEC itself is composed of a 34 person body that is represented by educators, activists, business leaders, non-profit executives, and anyone with a vested interest in the educational well-being of our city. Today, the MEC provides several critical programs to the community; namely, the Regional College Access Center, The Key to Employment for the 21st Century Symposium, a youth branch called the Youth Advisory Council / Tucson Teen Congress, and much more. The MEC is one of the keystones of Tucson's educational welfare, whether we are conscious of it or not, so the relocation of the office is welcome news for sure. This move marks a new chapter in the history of the MEC, for the MEC can truly begin to focus on growth and expanding the list of services that it provides for our community.



Councilmember Fimbres Recognized For Community Work

I want to thank Martha Wills, William Wills Sr. and Sunshine Ministries for the Award they gave me for the support I and my office has given to their annual Racial Reconciliation Conference they hold, bringing our community together.

I want to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 1200 for the Certificate of Appreciation they gave me Saturday, July 14 at the KC Club. The Knights of Columbus help our community in many ways and I am glad to support their efforts. Thank you for this wonderful award.

Tucson Homeless Work Program Receiving Award

The Tucson Homeless Work Program will be receiving the Award of Merit from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

The Tucson Homeless Work Program that I created was nominated by Sally Stang, Director of the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development.

The Homeless Work Program is a collaborative effort between community non-profit organizations, city and county government, and business leaders. The primary goal of the program is to help persons exit homelessness through rapid engagement in daily employment and immediate cash payment for work.

The Homeless Work Program started on December 6, 2016, and as of April 2018, 431 homeless individuals have worked at 130 sites, cleaning 83.5 miles of roadway, and removing 132,000 pounds of trash from the City of Tucson and areas within greater Pima County. Of those who have participated, 40% entered permanent housing, 10% entered behavioral health services, 28% entered employment services and 14% gained long term employment.

I am honored that the Tucson Homeless Work Program has been selected for the NAHRO Award of Merit for its collaboration and innovation, for this unique program. Thanks to collaboration and partnership, this is a successful program that is being looked at to be used in other communities across the country.

The Tucson Homeless Work Program was initially made possible through start up contributions of \$25,000 from the City of Tucson, \$25,000 from Pima County. Humberto Lopez and the H.S. Lopez Family Foundation, gave a \$50,000 match for the Tucson Homeless Work Program. Shortly after the Homeless Work Program's implementation, the Tucson business community stepped forward with additional support, including Cox Communications (\$5,000), Southwest Gas (\$2,500), Tucson Medical Center (\$3,000) and Wal-Mart (\$10,000). Additionally, Cenpatico Integrated Care's support has also been vital, providing an in-kind contribution (\$58,000) for dedicated staff time. El Rio Community Health Center, Assurance Health, Caridad Community Kitchen are also partners in the Tucson Homeless Work Program.

Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS), under the leadership of Tom Litwicki, oversees the Tucson Homeless Work Program. OPCS coordinates the transportation and supervise the workers, provides financial oversight, handles all worker pay, maintains worker documentation, and conducts regular evaluation and quality management functions. With the success, the Tucson Homeless Work Program was expanded to a third day on July 1, 2017, going out to help assist and clean up at Pima Animal Control Center.

The Tucson Homeless Work Program was recognized by the Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) for the program's success and the collaboration and partnership between the organizations, service providers, faith-based community, business and government involved with the program.

The NAHRO Agency Awards Program was created to give national recognition to the achievement and innovation of NAHRO agency/organizational members throughout the country; to provide additional opportunities to inform the public of the best in housing and community development; and to create a resource bank of information on significant, innovative activities performed by housing and redevelopment agencies and community development departments.

The Tucson Homeless Work Program will get the NAHRO Award of Merit on Saturday, July 28, at NAHRO's Summer Conference being held in San Francisco, California.

Do More Blue

City of Tucson - Environmental Services recycling refrigerator magnets are available at the Ward 5 Council Office. The magnet outlines what is allowed and what's not allowed in the blue recycle bin. Stop by the office and pick up your magnet.



Tucson Industrial Development Authority offers homebuyer assistance

The Tucson Industrial Development Authority makes purchasing a home more affordable for local residents with its down payment assistance and mortgage tax credit programs.



Buyers whose annual income does not exceed \$99,169 may receive up to 5 percent of their mortgage loan to help make their down payment under the Pima Tucson Homebuyer's Solution (PTHS) program.

Since 2012, the Tucson IDA has helped more than 3,800 local families become homeowners in Pima County through the program. It helped 873 homebuyers in 2017 alone.

The down payment assistance is available with FHA, VA, USDA-Rural Development or conventional 30-year, fixed rate mortgage loans for the purchase of new or existing residential; duplexes, triplexes or four-plexes; detached or attached; condominiums or townhomes.

The Pima Tucson Homebuyer's Solution Program also offers two additional subsidies, available with PTHS Freddie Mac conventional loans, to qualified borrowers meeting certain income limits: An additional \$1,500 to borrowers whose income is between \$29,650 and \$47,440 or an additional \$2,500 to borrowers whose income is \$29,650 or below.

The Pima Tucson Homebuyer's Solution Program is a joint program of the Tucson IDA and the Pima Industrial Development Authority. Qualified, first-time homebuyers may also obtain an annual reduction in their income taxes under the Tucson IDA's Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program.

The MCC operates as an IRS tax credit. The MCC tax credit (40 percent of annual mortgage interest paid – up to a maximum credit of \$2,000) reduces the federal income taxes of qualified borrowers purchasing qualified homes, thus having the effect of subsidizing their payments.

A first-time homebuyer may use the tax credit provided by the MCC as long as he/she lives in the home as his/her principal residence. The Tucson IDA invests program earnings in the Tucson community by providing loans to local small businesses and nonprofit organizations. For more information, please visit www.tucsonida.org or call Karen Valdez at (520) 882-5591, ext. 126.

August 2018 Mammography Screenings

The Mobile Onsite Mammography (M.O.M.) program is focused on providing the highest quality mammography services using the latest digital mammography technology.

You are responsible for any charges that are not covered under your insurance plan. Patients younger than 30 must present a doctor's referral. Baseline mammograms are recommended for women between the ages of 35 to 40, (unless family history or symptomatic*) and most insurance plans cover women over 40 years of age every year. The exam takes about 15 minutes to conduct. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 285-0272. For more information, please call 724-2792.

Mon. August 13	9 am – 5 pm	Abrams Building, 3950 S. Country Club Rd.
Tue. August 14	7 am - 11:30 am	Parks and Recreation, 900 S. Randolph Way
Tue. August 14	1:30 - 3:30 pm	Community Services Dept., 310 N. Commerce Park Loop
Wed. August 15	8 am – 5 pm	Tucson City Hall, 255 W. Alameda St. (Pennington St. loading zone between City Hall and Admin West)
Thu. August 16	8 am – 5 pm	Tucson City Hall, 255 W Alameda Street (Pennington St. loading zone between City Hall and Admin West)
Fri. August 17	7 am – 4 pm	Tucson City Hall, 255 W Alameda Street (Pennington St. loading zone between City Hall and Admin West)

Some of Tucson's Traffic Signals have a new look!

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) has introduced flashing yellow arrows at some of its traffic signals throughout the City. With this change, many motorists have contacted TDOT with questions.

Below are some of the questions TDOT has received, followed by answers.

So what does the flashing yellow arrow indicate? Turn with caution. Bicyclists and motorists may turn in the direction of the flashing yellow arrow without stopping if there is a safe gap in oncoming traffic, while yielding to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Why did the City add the flashing yellow arrow? Traffic signals with the new flashing yellow arrows are safer for pedestrians. When a pedestrian pushes the "Walk" button, the left turn arrow will turn red for motorists, while the "Walk" and pedestrian countdown display is on. Pedestrians can cross busy streets safely because left turning vehicles are prohibited from turning on a red arrow.

Will a traffic signal ever change directly from a flashing yellow arrow to a red arrow? No. There will always be a solid yellow arrow before a red arrow.

Am I allowed to stop when the yellow arrow is flashing? Yes. The flashing yellow arrow means proceed with caution. If it isn't safe to turn, stop and wait until it is safe to complete your turn.

I've seen a flashing yellow arrow change to a green arrow. Are they supposed to do that? Yes. The change from a flashing yellow arrow to a green arrow means that turning traffic has the right of way.

Can a green arrow change to a flashing yellow arrow? Yes. A green arrow changing to a flashing yellow arrow means that turning traffic no longer has the right of way and must yield to bicycles, pedestrians, and other vehicles before turning.

What does it mean when the traffic signal is red but the left turn arrow is flashing yellow? It means that oncoming traffic has the right of way on a green light. Vehicles intending to go straight through the intersection facing a red light must stop and not proceed unless allowed to make a right turn on red. Bicyclists and drivers turning left may carefully proceed through the intersection after yielding to any approaching traffic.

If you would like more information about flashing yellow arrows, call the Tucson Department of Transportation Traffic Engineering Division at (520) 791-4371.

Ward 5 Neighborhood Meetings in August

Here are the upcoming meetings of Ward 5 neighborhood associations and groups in August:

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, August 2 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.



South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, August 6 at 6:00 pm, Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St.

Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC) - Tuesday, August 14 at 6:00 pm, Student Union Memorial Center, Ventana Room, 4th Floor, 1303 E. University Blvd.

Cherry Ave. Neighborhood Association – Saturday, August 18 at 10:00 am at the Cherry Avenue Recreation Center, 5085 S. Cherry Avenue.

Barrio Santa Rita Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, August 21 at 6:00 pm Santa Cruz Parish, Good Shepherd Room, 1220 S. 6th Avenue.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30 pm Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th Street.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, August 27, at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue.

City of Tucson

Report Potholes in Your Neighborhood

Contact City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

Call: 791-3154

Email: TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov

When you call to report a POTHOLE to be repaired in your neighborhood due to a concern of public safety, write person's name and date that you spoke with. Give the location (address or cross streets) where the issue is of concern. If POTHOLE is not repaired within a week then call the TDOT office once again.

If you choose to email the City of Tucson (TDOT) attach a photo or video of the POTHOLE location as this procedure is highly recommended. The best way is to use your cell phone, take the picture or video then forward to TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov with the location (address or cross streets) in order for City of Tucson maintenance crew to find it.

IMPORTANT: Please also request that the neighborhood streets in your area be scheduled for resurfacing or maintenance for 2018 calendar year.

Document the following Information:

Person you spoke with: _____

Date & Time: _____

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Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

Transportation & Street Maintenance

Tucson Department of Transportation
791-3154

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900

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